

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION III** 1650 Arch Street

## Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

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Mr. Marcus Kohl Regional Director Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Northcentral Regional Office 208 West Third St. Suite 101 Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701

Re: NPDES Permit No. PA0110582

Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority STP

**Snyder County** 

Dear Mr. Kohl:

In accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), EPA has reviewed the referenced National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) draft permit received from your office on March 12, 2014. This is a notification of EPA's general objection pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 123.44(b)(1).

This letter serves as a time extension request for the full 90-day review period, which will expire on June 10, 2014. EPA requests additional time to discuss and resolve with PADEP the Chesapeake Bay trading permit language for significant dischargers in Part C.I of the draft permit. The Chesapeake Bay permit language enables trading to occur between point and agricultural non-point sources according to Pennsylvania regulations; however, Pennsylvania regulations have established a non-point source agricultural baseline that is in need of updating to be consistent with the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 123.44(b)(2), EPA will provide any additional specific comments or objections to the issuance of this permit by June 10, 2014. PADEP is prohibited from issuing the permit for this facility prior to this time without written EPA approval.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or Mr. Brian Trulear, of my staff, at (215) 814-5723.

Sineerely.

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